

APPENDIX A – MARKED-UP VERSION OF THE AMENDED CLAIMS

4. (Amended) A method according to Claim 2[or Claim 3], wherein each identifier is an identifier of a group having a particular characteristic.
6. (Amended) A method according to claim 2[any of Claims 2 to 5], wherein the message includes at least one operator defining how a plurality of said identifiers are to be combined.
7. (Amended) A method according to [any preceding]claim_1, wherein the message includes a type identifier identifying that the message is intended for a group of users only.
8. (Amended) A method according to [any preceding]claim_1, wherein the message includes a type specifier specifying that the message is of a type which includes a text portion.
9. (Amended) A method according to [any preceding]claim_1, wherein the message includes a priority specifier specifying a[the] priority of the message.
10. (Amended) A method according to [any preceding]claim_1, wherein the message includes a signature for verifying the contents of the message.
11. (Amended) A method according to [any preceding]claim_1, wherein the message is encrypted.
12. (Amended) A method according to [any preceding]claim_1, wherein the message is repetitively broadcast at a predetermined cycle rate.
17. (Amended) A method according to claim 14[any of Claims 14 to 16], wherein the message includes at least one operator defining how a plurality of said identifiers are to be

combined, the receiver/decoder applying said at least one operator to said plurality of identifiers to determine whether the user is in the group of users.

18. (Amended) A method according to claim 13[any of Claims 13 to 17], comprising generating a signal for advising the user of receipt of the message by the receiver/decoder.

19. (Amended) A method according to claim 13[any of Claims 13 to 18], wherein the signal representative of the text portion is output in response to a request from the user.

20. (Amended) A method according to claim 13[any of Claims 13 to 19], wherein the signal representative of the text portion is output automatically by the receiver/decoder.

25. (Amended) Apparatus according to Claim 23[or Claim 24], wherein each identifier is an identifier of a group having a particular characteristic.

27. (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 23[any of Claims 23 to 26], comprising means for including in said message at least one operator defining how a plurality of said identifiers are to be combined.

28. (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 22[any of Claims 22 to 27], comprising means for including in said message a type identifier identifying that the message is intended for a group of users only.

29. (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 22[any of Claims 22 to 28], comprising means for including in said message a type specifier specifying that the message is of a type which includes a text portion.

30. (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 22[any of Claims 22 to 29], comprising means for including in said message a priority specifier for specifying a[the] priority of the message.

31. (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 22[any of Claims 22 to 30], comprising means for generating a signature for verifying the contents of the message.

32. (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 22[any of Claims 22 to 30], comprising means for encrypting the message.

33. (Amended) Apparatus for broadcasting a message, said message comprising a text portion to be communicated to a user, said apparatus comprising means for generating said message in the form of an entitlement management message, and[generated by apparatus according to any of Claims 22 to 32, comprising] means for broadcasting said [message in the form of an]entitlement management message to a user's receiver/decoder.

39. (Amended) A receiver/decoder according to claim 36[any of Claims 36 to 38], wherein the message includes at least one operator defining how a plurality of said identifiers are to be combined, the receiver/decoder comprising means for applying said at least one operator to said plurality of identifiers to determine whether the user is in the group of users.

40. (Amended) A receiver/decoder according to claim 35[any of Claims 35 to 39], comprising means for generating a signal for advising the user of receipt of the message by the receiver/decoder.

41. (Amended) A receiver/decoder according to claim 35[any of Claims 35 to 40], comprising means for receiving a request from the user for output of the signal representative of the text portion.
42. (Amended) A receiver/decoder according to claim 35[any of Claims 35 to 40], wherein the output means is adapted to output automatically the signal representative of the text portion.
48. (Amended) A message according to claim 45[any of Claims 45 to 47], including at least one operator defining how a plurality of said identifiers are to be combined.
49. (Amended) A message according to claim 44[any of Claims 44 to 48], including a type identifier identifying that the message is intended for a group of users only.
50. (Amended) A message according to claim 44[any of Claims 44 to 49], including a type specifier specifying that the message is of a type which includes a text portion.
51. (Amended) A message according to claim 44[any of Claims 44 to 50], including a priority specifier for specifying a[the] priority of the message.
52. (Amended) A message[method] according to claim 44[any of Claims 44 to 50], including a signature for verifying the contents of the message.
53. (Amended) A signal comprising an entitlement management message, the entitlement management message comprising a text portion for communication to a user[according to any of Claims 44 to 52].

APPENDIX B – MARKED-UP VERSION OF THE AMENDED ABSTRACT

The present invention provides a method of broadcasting a message having a text portion to be communicated to a user, the method including[comprising] broadcasting the message in the form of an entitlement management message for reception by the user.